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Organization of the special session of the General Assembly on the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/176 of 22 December 1992 and 48/186 of 21 December 1993 on the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994, its resolutions 49/128 of 19 December 1994 on the report of the Conference[1] and its resolution 53/183 of 15 December 1998 on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the Conference, as well as all its subsequent resolutions on the implementation of the Programme of Action,

Recalling also its resolution 65/234 of 22 December 2010 on the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, by which it decided to convene a special session during the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly in order to assess the status of implementation of the Programme of Action and to renew political support for actions required for the full achievement of its goals and objectives,

Reaffirming the need for Governments to recommit themselves at the highest political level to achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 2012/232 on the special session,

Recalling paragraph 3 of its resolution 65/234, by which it decided that the Commission on Population and Development should convene an interactive

[1] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

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discussion during its forty-seventh session on the assessment of the status of the implementation of the Programme of Action,

Recalling also that in paragraph 7 of its resolution 65/234, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund and other relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, to ensure that the relevant issues identified during the sessions of the Commission on Population and Development were compiled and forwarded to Governments at the sixty-ninth session of the Assembly, with an index report indicating recurrent themes and key elements found therein, along with the findings of the operational review,

Recognizing the importance of active participation by all States in the interactive discussions in the forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development on the assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action and in the special session,

Recognizing also the importance of the effective participation and contribution of relevant stakeholders, including civil society, particularly non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, in the forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development and in the special session and its preparation,

Recognizing further the important contributions made by actors of civil society, particularly non-governmental organizations, to the Conference, its follow-up and the implementation of its Programme of Action,

1. *Decides* that the special session of the General Assembly on the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development will be held on 22 September 2014 in New York, in the most efficient and cost-effective manner;

2. *Also decides* that the proceedings of the special session shall be governed by the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

3. *Encourages* all Member and observer States and observers to consider being represented at the special session at the highest political level, including at the level of Head of State or Government;

4. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements for the special session shall be as follows:

(a) The special session will be composed of plenary meetings on 22 September 2014 from 1 to 9 p.m.;

(b) The plenary meetings shall feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, Member and observer States and observers, as well as five selected representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, chosen by the President of the General Assembly with due regard for geographic balance, in consultation with Member States in order of precedence;

(c) The President of the General Assembly shall draw up a list of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council who may participate in the special session;

(d) The President of the General Assembly shall also draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, youth groups and the private sector who may participate in the special session, taking into account the principle of equitable geographic representation, for submission to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis, and shall bring the list[2] to the attention of the General Assembly;

5. *Reaffirms* that the special session will be undertaken on the basis of and with full respect for the Programme of Action and that there will be no renegotiation of the existing agreements contained therein;

6. *Encourages* Member and observer States and observers to consider including non-governmental organizations and youth representatives, where applicable, in their delegations to the special session;

7. *Decides* that participation in the forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development shall be open-ended, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the rules of procedures of functional commissions and past practice of the Commission;

8. *Invites* all other relevant regional and international organizations, including bodies of the United Nations system, to contribute, as appropriate, to the session of the Commission on Population and Development and its preparation;

9. *Decides* to invite States members of the specialized agencies that are not members of the United Nations to participate in the special session and the interactive discussion of the forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development in the capacity of observers;

10. *Stresses* the need for the effective participation, as appropriate, of actors of civil society, particularly non-governmental organizations, in the forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development, taking into account the practice and experience gained at the International Conference on Population and Development.

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[2] The list will include proposed as well as final names.